U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number Complete if Known Effective on 12/08/2004. e pulsuanto the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818). 10/617.928 **Application Number** ANSMI Filing Date Julv 10. 2003 For FY 2005 <u>Tue Nauven</u> First Named Inventor Andre C. Stevenson **Examiner Name** ms small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27 Art Unit 2812 **OUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$) 180.00 TEGL-01181US1 Attorney Docket No METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply) Check Credit Card Money Order None I Other (please identify): \_\_\_\_ Deposit Account Name: 23910 - Fliesler Meyer LLP Deposit Account Deposit Account Number: 06-1325 For the above-identified deposit account, the Director is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply) Charge fee(s) indicated below Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee Charge any additional fee(s) or underpayments of fee(s) Credit any overpayments under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. **FEE CALCULATION** 1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES **EXAMINATION FEES FILING FEES SEARCH FEES Small Entity Small Entity Small Entity** Fees Paid (\$) **Application Type** Fee (\$) Fee (\$) Fee (\$) <u>Fee (\$)</u> Fee (\$) Fee (\$) 200 Utility 300 500 100 150 250 130 Design 200 100 100 50 65 160 Plant 200 80 100 300 150 600 300 Reissue 300 150 500 250 0 0 Provisional 200 100 0 2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES **Small Entity Fee Description** Fee (\$) 50 Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent 25 Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent 200 100 180 Multiple dependent claims **Total Claims Multiple Dependent Claims Extra Claims** Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$) Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$) HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20 Indep. Claims **Extra Claims** Fee (\$) Fee Paid (\$) - 3 or HP = HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3 3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s). Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof **Total Sheets** Fee Paid (\$) - 100 = (round up to a whole number) x Fees Paid (\$) 4. OTHER FEE(S) Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount) 180.00 Other: IDS Fee SUBMITTED BY Registration No. Signature 362-3800 (Attorney/Agent) Sheldon R. Meyer Name (Print/Type)

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.136. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 30 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

## 07/01/2005 SFELEKE1 00000009 10617928

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re Application

Tue Nguyen and Craig Alan Bercaw Inventor(s):

Appln. No.: 10/617,928

Confirm. No.: 3947

Filed: July 10, 2003

REMOVABLE LID AND FLOATING PIVOT Title:

PATENT APPLICATION

Art Unit:

2812

Examiner:

Andre C. Stevenson

Customer No. 23910

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8** 

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited in the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on June 12005.

Sheldon R. Meyer, Reg. No. 27,660

(Attorney Signature)

Signature Date: Jupe

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.56

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is requested that the information identified in this statement be considered by the Examiner and made of record in the above-identified application. This statement is not intended to represent that a search has been made or that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56. If this is a continuation, divisional or continuation-in-part application, it is understood that the Examiner will consider all information which was considered by the Office in a parent application. MPEP §609. Such information therefore is not listed herein unless it is desired that the information be printed on a patent issuing from the subject application.

## Enclosed with this statement are the following:

Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is requested to initial the form and return it to the undersigned in \_\_\_ accordance with M.P.E.P. §609.

✓ The present application is being/was filed after June 30, 2003. Copies of cited U.S. patents and publications are not enclosed. However, copies of cited foreign patent documents and non-patent literature are enclosed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2), as still required, except for those items designated by an asterisk (\*), which were previously submitted by the applicant in a parent application, from which benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 is claimed, with an Information Disclosure Statement submitted in the parent application which complies with the September 8, 2000 or subsequent revision of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a-c), as allowed under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d)(1).

The present application was filed prior to June 30, 2003. A copy of each cited document as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.98 is enclosed, except for those items designated by an asterisk (\*), which were previously submitted by the applicant in a parent application, from which benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 is claimed, with an Information Disclosure Statement submitted in the parent application which complies with the September 8, 2000 or subsequent revision of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a-c), as allowed under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d)(1). If any of the cited/submitted documents is in a foreign language, a concise explanation of relevance is provided pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)(i). For foreign language documents cited in a search report by a foreign patent office, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance is satisfied by the submission herewith of an English language version of the search report. MPEP §609A(3). If a written English-language translation of a non-English language document, or portion thereof, is within the possession, custody or control of, or is readily available to any individual designated in §1.56(c), a copy of the translation accompanies this statement, 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)(ii), and satisfies the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance, MPEP §609A(3). PTA Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d). Each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application and this communication was not received by any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement. This statement should be considered because: 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b). This statement qualifies under 37 C.F.R. §1.97, subsection (b) because: (1) It is being filed within three months of the filing date of an application other than a continued prosecution application under § 1.53(d); -- OR --It is being filed within 3 months of entry of a national stage; (2) -- OR --(3) It is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, -- OR --It is being filed before the mailing date of the first Office Action after the filing of (4) a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c). Although it may not qualify under subsection (b), this statement qualifies under 37 C.F.R. §1.97, subsection (c) because: It is being filed before the mailing date of a FINAL Office Action, a Notice of (1) Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the subject application, whichever occurs first. -- AND (check at least one of the following) --It is accompanied by a STATEMENT as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e). (1) (2) It is accompanied by the \$180 fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p).

37 C.F.R. §1.97(d). Although it may not qualify under subsection (b) or (c), this statement qualifies under 37 C.F.R. §1.97, subsection (d) because: It is being filed on or before payment of the Issue Fee; (1) -- AND --It is accompanied by a STATEMENT as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e); (2) -- AND --(3) It is accompanied by the \$180 fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p). Fee Authorization. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325. A duplicate copy of this authorization is enclosed. Respectfully submitted, FLIESLER MEYER LLP Colesla Sheldon R. Meyer Reg. No. 27,660

FLIESLER MEYER LLP

Four Embarcadero Center, Fourth Floor San Francisco, California 94111-4156 Telephone (415) 362-3800

Sheet _	<u>l</u>	of_	1

	(	JUN 3 0 soon E	•				Sheet _	<u>l</u> of <u>l</u>			
Form PTO-1449 EPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (Substitute) PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE		CE Attorney Docket Number TEGL-01181U	Attorney Docket Number Serial/Patent Number TEGL-01181US1 10/617,928								
Information Disclosure Statement			Applicant/Patent Owner	Applicant/Patent Owner TUE NGUYEN ET AL.							
BY APPLICANT (Use several sheets if necessary)			Filing/Issue Date July 10, 2003								
U.S. PATENTS											
Examiner Initial		Patent Number	Issue Date	First Named	First Named Inventor		Subclass	Filing Date			
	A1	6,145,397	11/2000	Nzeadibe	Nzeadibe						
	A2	6,395,101	5/2002	Scranton	Scranton						
	A3	6,609,632	8/2003	Nguyen et al.	Nguyen et al.						
-											
	U.S. PATENT PUBLICATIONS										
Examiner Initial		Patent Application Publication Number Pu		Publication Date	Applicant						
FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS											
Examiner Initial		Document Number	Publication Date		Country		Subclass	Trans- <u>lation</u> Yes   No			
OTHER DOCUMENTS (Include author (if any), title, publisher and place of publication, date and pertinent pages)											
Examiner			Date Considered	Date Considered							
*EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.											

20\_

20\_

, relied on under 35 USC §120.

, relied on under 35 USC §120.

\*1 = Copy not submitted because it was submitted in prior application SN \_/\_ \*2 = Copy not submitted because it was submitted in prior application SN \_/\_